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NWT Labour Force Activity
- January 2013 -

Statistics Canada estimates that, in January 2013, out of 32,100 residents 15 years of age and older 22,100 persons were employed in the Northwest Territories, representing an employment rate of 68.8%. Nationally, Canada's employment rate stood at 61.5%.

January 2013 was the fourth consecutive month of decrease in employment after the peak in September 2012, reflecting primarily the seasonal employment cycle. The January employment figures were very similar to those of the same month a year ago, with the employment rate being 0.3 percentage points higher than in January 2012.

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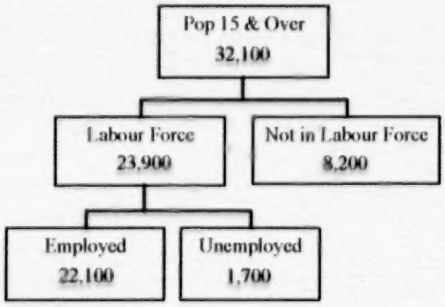
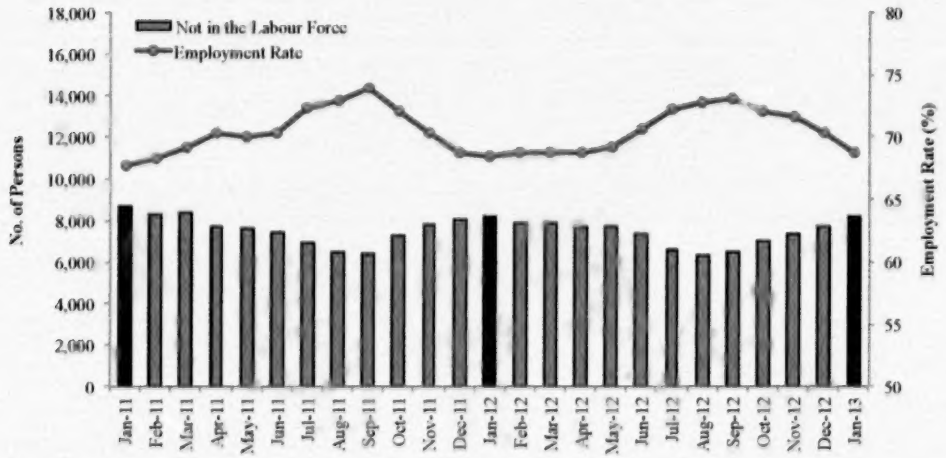


Compared to December 2012, 500 fewer persons were employed and the employment rate decreased by 1.6 percentage points. Concurrently, those not in the labour force increased by 500 persons. Figure 1 shows this increase in persons not in the labour force, as well as the decrease in the employment rate.

Figure 1 ***Persons Not in the Labour Force and Employment Rate Northwest Territories, 2011 - 2013***



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From the previous month, employment rates decreased for all of the key characteristics. Notably, the employment rate for males fell by 2.8 percentage points to 70.5%, and for communities outside Yellowknife by 2.6 percentage points to 58.4%.

Table 1 ***Employment Rates by Key Characteristics Northwest Territories***

	Jan-13	Dec-12	Nov-12	Oct-12	Sep-12	Aug-12
Northwest Territories	68.8	70.4	71.7	72.0	73.1	72.8
15-24 Yrs.	43.3	44.8	47.8	52.2	55.2	55.2
25 Yrs. & Over	75.6	77.2	78.0	77.2	77.5	77.5
Males	70.5	73.3	73.3	73.3	72.7	74.5
Females	67.1	67.7	70.3	71.0	73.5	71.6
Aboriginal	52.8	54.2	56.7	57.1	59.2	59.4
Non-Aboriginal	82.1	83.2	83.3	83.9	83.7	84.2
Yellowknife	80.0	80.3	81.9	80.9	82.9	83.0
Other	58.4	61.0	62.4	63.9	64.3	63.5

From December 2012 to January 2013, total employment decreased by 500 persons. Both full-time and part-time employment decreased by 400 and 100, respectively. The service-producing sector had 400 fewer employed persons in January 2013. Over the past 12-month period, total employment increased by 100 persons in the Northwest Territories. Both public and private employment increased, offset by a decrease in self-employment.

Table 2 ***Monthly and Yearly Change in Employment by Selected Characteristics Northwest Territories, January 2013***

				Dec-12 to Jan-13	Jan-12 to Jan-13
	Jan-13	Dec-12	Jan-12	Change (persons)	
Total Employment	22,100	22,600	22,000	(500)	100
Full-time	19,900	20,300	19,400	(400)	500
Part-time	2,200	2,300	2,500	(100)	(300)
Employees	20,700	21,100	20,200	(400)	500
Public	10,200	10,300	10,000	(100)	200
Private	10,500	10,800	10,200	(300)	300
Self-employment	1,400	1,500	1,800	(100)	(400)
Goods Producing	3,900	3,900	3,600	-	300
Service Producing	18,300	18,700	18,400	(400)	(100)

The following table presents historical labour force activity in the Northwest Territories.

Table 3 ***Labour Force Activity***
Northwest Territories

	Population 15 & Over	Labour Force	Employed	Unemployed	Not in the Labour Force	Participation Rate	Unemployment Rate	Employment Rate
Jan-13	32,100	23,900	22,100	1,700	8,200	74.5	7.1	68.8
Dec-12	32,100	24,400	22,600	1,800	7,700	76.0	7.4	70.4
Nov-12	32,100	24,700	23,000	1,700	7,400	76.9	6.9	71.7
Oct-12	32,100	25,000	23,100	1,900	7,000	77.9	7.6	72.0
Sep-12	32,000	25,600	23,400	2,200	6,500	80.0	8.6	73.1
Aug-12	32,000	25,700	23,300	2,300	6,300	80.3	8.9	72.8
Jul-12	32,000	25,400	23,100	2,300	6,600	79.4	9.1	72.2
Jun-12	32,000	24,700	22,600	2,100	7,400	77.2	8.5	70.6
May-12	32,100	24,300	22,200	2,100	7,700	75.7	8.6	69.2
Apr-12	32,100	24,300	22,100	2,200	7,700	75.7	9.1	68.8
Mar-12	32,100	24,200	22,100	2,100	7,900	75.4	8.7	68.8
Feb-12	32,100	24,200	22,100	2,100	7,900	75.4	8.7	68.8
Previous Years:								
Jan-12	32,100	23,900	22,000	1,900	8,200	74.5	7.9	68.5
Jan-11	32,200	23,500	21,800	1,800	8,700	73.0	7.7	67.7
Jan-10	32,100	22,300	20,900	1,400	9,800	69.5	6.3	65.1
Jan-09	32,100	23,100	22,000	1,000	9,000	72.0	4.3	68.5
Jan-08	32,000	23,900	22,500	1,400	8,100	74.7	5.9	70.3
Jan-07	31,400	24,700	23,400	1,300	6,800	78.7	5.3	74.5
Jan-06	31,200	23,900	22,700	1,200	7,400	76.6	5.0	72.8
Jan-05	31,100	24,100	22,300	1,800	7,000	77.5	7.5	71.7
Jan-04	30,700	22,900	21,200	1,700	7,800	74.6	7.4	69.1
Jan-03	29,600	22,300	21,000	1,300	7,400	75.3	5.8	70.9

Information on the territorial labour market is a result of the extension of Statistics Canada's national labour force survey (LFS) to the Northwest Territories. Data presented for the Northwest Territories is based on three-month moving averages, with survey counts rounded to the nearest 100 persons.

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